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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 6, 2005, the Applicants
elect Group I, claims 1-15 and 35-40. This election is made with traverse.